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SUBJECT : AZOREAN SITUATION; PORTUGUESE SAILORS BEATEN IN
PONTA DELGADA

1. NIGHT OF JULY 24 CROWD IN PONTA DELGADA BEAT UP THE ARMED
UNIFORMED SHORE PATROL FROM PORTUGUESE FRIGATE JOAO BELO. AS
CUSTOMARY ON SUMMER NIGHTS CROWDS WERE STROLLING ALONG PONTA
DELGADA'S MAIN AVENUE WHEN GROUP OF SAILORS FROM JOAO BELO
APPEARED. ANGRY WORDS AND SOME SHOVING EXCHANGED BETWEEN
OUTNUMBERED SAILORS AND MEN IN CROWD. SAILORS RETREATED
ALLEGEDLY TO THEIR SHIP TO GET WEAPONS AND REINFORCEMENTS.
ABOUT HOUR LATER SAILORS RETURNED APPARENTLY WITH SHORE PATROL

AND CROWD BECAME EXCITED. A JEEP FULL OF ARMED TROOPS APPEARED
AND AFTER A FEW MINUTES LEFT. A NUMBER OF AZOREAN YOUTH ARMED
WITH STICKS AND THE FIGHT BROKE OUT. LOCAL POLICE LIMITED THEIR
ACTION TO LEADING BLEEDING AND TOTTERED SHORE PRATOL TO NEARBY
POLICE STATION. A UNIFORMED NAVAL OFFICER WAS ALSO TAKEN TO
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POLICE STATION FOR HIS OWN PROTECTION. AFTER THE FIGHT WAS

OVER A TRUCK LOAD OF ARMED LOCAL TROOPS ARRIVED. AFTER A FRIENDLY DISCUSSION WITH CROWD, TROOPS DROVE OFF ACCOMPANIED BY APPLAUSE AND CHEERS.

2. DISPUTE BETWEEN SAILORS AND TOWNS PEOPLE STARTED SEVERAL DAYS EARLIER WHEN LOCAL YOUTHS ROUGHED UP SOME SAILORS IN FRONT OF LOCAL NIGHT CLUB. EARLIER ON JULY 24 STORY CIRCULATED THAT SAILORS OF JOAO BELO HAD ISSUED A MANIFESTO SAYING THEY WOULD DESTROY THE NIGHT CLUB IN RETURN. IN ADDITION TO BAD FEELING CAUSED BY ABOVE THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS RUMORS THAT JOAO BELO WAS SENT TO INCREASE GOP RPT GOP FORCES IN AZORES AND THAT BETWEEN 75 TO 200 MARINES WERE ABROAD. THESE STORIES HAVE INDLED LOCAL RESENTMENT AGAINST THE PORTUGUESE SAILORS.

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